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SUBJECT: VISIT US ITC STAFF MEMBERS INVESTIGATING IMPORTATION

OF JAPANESE TELEVISION RECEIVERS

REF: GENEVA 7844

1. MESSRS,LAXAQUE AND DINAN OF USITC,IN EUROPE FOR
SECTION 337 AND 603 INVESTIGATION OF JAPANESE
TELEVISION RECEIVERS,MET ON OCTOBER 7 WITH EC
COMMISSION OFFICIALS ECKERHARD LOERKE,HANS BESELER,
AND HORST KRENZLER OF THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE
GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. USTIC STAFF MEMBERS
OUTLINED SECTION 603 AND 337 ACTIONS AS PRESENTED IN THE NOTICES
OF INVESTIGATION. THE STAFF MEMBERS
EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD BEEN VISITING COMPETITORS
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OF THE JAPANESE IN EC MEMBER STATES TO STUDY JAPANESE

METHODS OF COMPETITION AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE
WERE ANY PATTERNS TO JAPANESE COMPETITION IN
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MARKETS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY EC OFFICIALS IF
ANY PATTERNS WERE APPARENT,DINAN STATED THAT
IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION.
AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED,COMPETITORS OF THE
JAPANESE IN EUROPE HAD BEEN VERY GENEROUS,IF
SOMEWHAT SELECTIVE,IN SUPPLYING DATA,AND IT WOULD
BE NECESSARY TO REVIEW THESE FULLY BEFORE COMING
TO ANY CONCLUSIONS.

3. BESELER,WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE GATT
ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE MEETING,SEEMED TO WANT TO
RELIVE THE DEBATE IN GENEVA ON THE SECTION 337
INVESTIGATION OUTLINED IN REFTEL,PARAGRAPH 4,BUT
WAS CUT SHORT BY LOERKE WHO SAID NO ONE CARED TO
BEGIN A GATT DESCUSSION IN THIS MEETING.

4. USITC STAFF MEMBERS STATED THAT THEY EXPECTED
TO HAVE A REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS ON THESE INVESTIGA-
TIONS BY THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. THEY AGREED TO
PASS ANY NON-CONFIDENTIAL DATA AND CONCLUSIONS OF
THE INVESTIGATION TO THE EC COMMISSION VIA LENG
AT THE EC REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD
WELCOME EC COMMISSION COMMENTS.

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